

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Stonewall Riots between June 28, 1969 and July 3, 1969, sparked the development

the gay rights movement throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans come together to mark the progress achieved by the lesbian, gay, bisexual,

transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community each June; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota passed the Minnesota Human Rights Act in 1993, prohibiting discrimination

based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination relating to a number of practices;

and

WHEREAS: Minnesota became the first Midwestern state to legalize same sex marriage by legislative

vote in 2013, and the twelfth state in the nation to recognize same sex marriage; and

WHEREAS: The Safe and Supportive Schools Act, signed into law during the 2014 Legislative

Session, further reflects the desire to provide protections for students regardless of

sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court held in Obergefell v. Hodges that the right to marry is a

fundamental right that may not be denied to same sex couples; and

WHEREAS: This month, residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the numerous

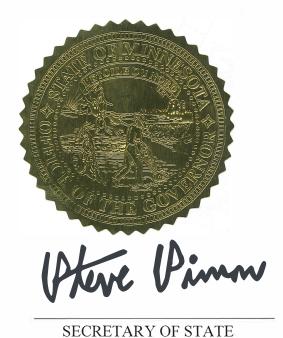
Pride Month activities across Minnesota, and to support the ongoing efforts of leading

Minnesota toward full LGBTQ equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2018, as:

PRIDE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5th day of June.

GOVERNOR